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Colonel Ponchardier in January 1949 stated that according to information he
had received he had gained the impression that the Service d'Ordre would be
disbended in June or July of 1949. He stated further that plans for demobilization were to be made immediately, although such plans might not be
carried out until 1950.

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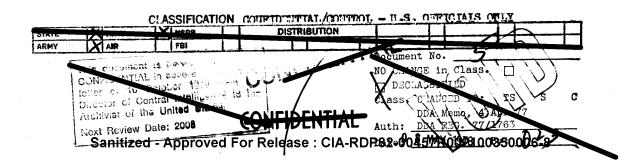
According to a directive signed by Lt. Claude Dumont the term "Groupes de Protection" is to be discontinued; the official designation of these units will be Service d'Ordre (SO).

- 2. In December 1948, Ponchardier instructed the Service d'Ordre units to be "prudent in their activities". Traffic in arms, transport of arms, military instruction within official groups (e.g. pre-military instruction centers) is prohibited. Intelligence activities within the Service d'Ordre was also discontinued. (Ponchardier added that a few completely dependable reseaux would be retained as well as a few well-placed and reliable agents who had provided the Service d'Ordre with first-class information.) In conclusion, Ponchardier stated that the organization must to all appearances be completely "above-board".
- 3. Colonel Carre is believed to be in charge of coordination between the Paris
 Degion Service d'Ordre and the National headquarters where Laboureau is
 Secretary of the organization.

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Colonel Carre (previously referred to as "General")
vas in September reported to have replaced Colonel Remy as National Chief
of the "Groupes de Protection".

4. An auxiliary group, similar to the Service d'Ordre, called the Service d'Ordre d'Appui (SOA) was created in the Paris Region in November 1948. This group is composed of elements formerly held in reserve and has absorbed some of the elements formerly in the Detachements Anti-Communistes (DAC). Eventually the SOA will be completely incorporated into the SO, according to Ponchardier.



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- 5. Debarge, chief of the Information Service for the Paris Region SO, has been appointed to act as liaison between the SO and the SOA.
- 6. Ponchardier has instructed Commandant Thamys to drop those elemente of the DAC not absorbed by the SOA.
- 7. A "Brigades Centrales" known as the "Brigade Louis" is made up of about 600 men, nope of whom are given a RPF identification card and all of whom are completely armed. The members of the brigade are black marketeers, "thurs".
- Colonel Ponchardier is forming what he calls a "Fonchardier team" whose mission will be to maintain the "Ponchardier spirit" within the 50. Tembers of this team with their immediate assignments, as stated by Ponchardier, are as follows:

Lt. Claude Dumont - (Secretary General of the Paris Region SO) - Chief of the Ponchardier team; will direct and coordinate activities of team members.

Lt. Debarge - Instructed to watch Thamys and Provost (Thamys' assistant); Debarge was also instructed to familiarize himself with the SOA and the DAG. (Note paragraph 5 above.)

Lt. Pierre Domore - (Director of Administrative Services of Paris Region 30) - Instructed to watch Padovani, Assistant Chief of the Administrative Services. Ponchardier stated that Pedovani is egotistic, ambitious and opportunistic. Ponchardier stated that Pedovani should be kept at an administrative level and should not be allowed to interfere in metters dealing with sector or command assignments.

Lt. Andre Vannes-Jouves - (Deputy Director Ceneral SO in the Scine-et-Oise) -Instructed to watch Captain Alex Prot who recently finished courses at the Ecols Politique and whom Ponchardier described as having "the corruption of politicians". Ponchardier does not want Prat to see the 50 of the Seine-et-Oise to realize his own ambitions.

Lt. Pierre Collet - (Director General of the SO for the city of Paris) -Instructed to "guide and protect" Lt. Laurice Guillaudot (Director General of the 50 of the Seine Department, excluding Paris).

Lt. Jean Lamoure - (Director of Finances, Personnel and Transportation -Paris Region 50 headquarters) - no assignment made.

Inspector Pistolle - (Director of "Discipline") - no assignment made.

- The following group attached to RFF headquarters favors violent means to bring de Caulle to power: Colonel Ponchardier (and staff) of the 50 of the Paris Region; Imbert and Chaisulot, Political Responsables of the Scino-et-Oise; Louis Vallon, Political delegate of the Paris region; Andre Palraux, in charge of propaganda. This group is very critical of the political stand taken by the RPF, citing as an example the Conseil de la Republique, where of the 100 members elected on the RPF ticket, only 50 are loyed to the Party.
- 10. Colonel Remy is the only member of the RFF who is cited as favoring legal means to bring de Gaulle to power. With a few exceptions, this difference in point of view is reported to place the National Directorate in opposition to the Paris Region Directorate.

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